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5 RICHARD E. HASKINS, et al.,  
6 Plaintiffs,  
7 v.  
8 EMPLOYERS INSURANCE OF  
9 WAUSAU, et al.,  
10 Defendants.

11 Case No. 14-cv-01671-JST (EDL)

12 **ORDER ON PLAINTIFF RICHARD  
HASKINS' REQUEST TO EITHER BE  
EXCUSED FROM PERSONAL  
APPEARANCE AT THE SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE OR TO CONTINUE  
THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

13 Re: Dkt. No. 98

14 On November 2, 2016, this Court issued an order setting a December 10, 2015 settlement  
15 conference in this case. That order specifies that all Parties must attend the settlement conference  
16 in person and that "personal attendance is mandatory and will rarely be excused by the Court." On  
17 November 17, 2015, this Court granted the Parties' joint stipulation to continue the settlement  
18 conference to February 10, 2016. On January 28, 2016, Plaintiff Richard Haskins filed a request  
19 to either be excused from personal appearance at the settlement conference or to continue the  
20 settlement conference, stating that he "booked a vacation with a flight out of SFO scheduled for  
21 the morning of the conference." On January 29, 2016, Defendants opposed Plaintiff's request.

22 Plaintiff has failed to show good cause for his request and the Court denies his request to  
23 be excused from personal attendance at the settlement conference. Plaintiff's request to continue  
24 the settlement conference is denied unless a mutually agreeable date prior to the March 10, 2016  
25 hearing on Defendants' motion for entry of judgment is available. The Parties are ordered to  
26 promptly meet and confer with the Court's courtroom deputy as to available dates and are advised  
27 that the Court has very limited availability for a continued settlement conference. Additionally,  
28 the Court will only continue the settlement conference provided that Plaintiff agrees to reimburse

1 Defendant Employers Insurance of Wasau's representative for all costs associated with changing  
2 her flight.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4 Dated: February 1, 2016

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7 ELIZABETH D. LAPORTE  
8 United States Magistrate Judge